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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO BELGIAN CONSULATE IN ASMARA

- 1. BELGIAN HONORARY CONSUL IN ASMARA, A GREEK CITIZEN, IS DEPARTING THE COUNTRY, PROBABLY PERMANENTLY, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS HAS BEEN TOLD HE WILL NOT RECEIVE PERMISSION TO GO TO ASMARA THIS WEEKEND IN TIME TO RECEIVE FILES, SEALS, CONSULAR STAMPS, PASSPORTS, ETC. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES OBJECTION, CONSUL ASMARA SHOULD ACCEPT FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY SEALED BOX OF OFFCIAL PASSPORTS, PAPERS, ETC., TO BE SAFEGUARDED IN AMCONGEN PENDING FURTHER DISPOSITION.
- 2. BELGIAN EMBASSY ADDIS IS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS ON POSSOBLE REPLACEMENT FOR HONORARY CONSUL AND/OR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF POST. THERE ARE NO BELGIAN CITIZENS IN ERITREA AND NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS, LEASES, OR PERSONNEL INVOLVED.
- 3. THIS EMBASSY SEES NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN ASSUMING TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF MATERIALS, PENDING EVENTUAL RESOLUTION BY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND /OR TRANSFER OF FILES, ETC., TO BELGIAN EMBASSY ADDIS. HUMMEL

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